

Appl. No. 10/815,357
Amdt. Dated December 18, 2007
Reply to Office Action of September 26, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007.

Claims 1-5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18-21 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (b) as being anticipated by Karellas (US Patent Number 5,465,284, hereinafter "Karellas"). Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ruzga (US Patent No. 5, 465, 284, hereinafter "Ruzga") in view of Gross et al. (US Patent Number 6,310,352, hereinafter "Gross"). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Karellas in view of Pandelisev (US Patent Application Number 2002/0117625, hereinafter "Pandelisev"). Claims 10 and 11 were objected. Claims 1, 11, 13 and 19 have been amended. Support for the amendment is found in paragraph 31. No new matter has been added. Claims 6-10, 14 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-25 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims allowable over the prior art

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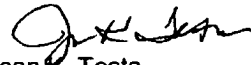
By the present response, independent claims 1, 13 and 19 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Claims 1, 13 and 19 now recite an "an optically addressed spatial light modulator". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-5, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 20-25 are believed to be patentable both by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim, as well as for the subject matter they separately recite. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-25 on this basis are requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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